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The Grill Club Urges Students to Stop Texting and Driving at the Same Time

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RAB insignia

Lynn University's Grill Club will be tabling and pairing up with other clubs and organizations to promote the Remember Alex Brown Foundation. RAB is an anti-texting while driving organization.

Alex Brown was an average young adult when she died in a car accident. She lost control of her car because she was texting while driving.

Brown's parents travel around the country to share the story of their daughter who lost her life. They even travel with the totaled truck she died in.

Texting while driving kills thousands each year. In 2010, half a million people were injured in accidents caused by texting while driving. In that same year, 6,000 people lost their lives.

The Grill Club will be asking students to sign a pledge to not text while driving. After signing this pledge, one will receive a thumb ring as a reminder to not text and drive.

To find out more information about RAB students, visit <http://www.rememberalexbrownfoundation.org> or ask Grill Club President Mollie Gross for more information.

FISHING ANOTHER ART OF LIFE

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Enjoy a Quiet Moment With the Sun, Water, Fish and Relaxation

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A great local fishing spot. Staff Photos/ C. Christoffersen.

There is nothing more rewarding than eating fresh fish that was caught by hand. Living in Florida, students are surrounded by water filled with thousand of different kinds of fish. From

people fishing off the bridges to charter boats going out to sea, people are reeling in fish every day.

It is a state law for one to possess a license to go fishing. Licenses can be purchased at Sports Authority, K-mart, Bass Pro and other outdoor sports stores.

If one has a Florida driver's license, it is a lot cheaper to get a fishing license. If one has an out-of-state license, it is roughly \$35 for a saltwater or freshwater license.

The easiest place to drop a line is on the Intercostal. The fish tend to be smaller compared to the open ocean, but that does not mean there are not big fish.

Snapper, yellow-tailed jacks and sea robins are plentiful around the bottom of the ocean. Snappers are great to eat if they are big enough to eat. Yellow tail jacks put up a fight even though they are small fish and not good to eat.

The best thing to use when fishing is live or frozen bait, which can be found at local bait and tackle shops. It is \$3 for a dozen shrimp, which should last for an hour of catching fish.

Other bait that can be used are clams, sardines and cut-up mackerel. The best spot to catch saltwater fish is the inlets to the oceans; this is where the big fish come in.

THE NORTON MUSEUM OF ART

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Experience The Art and Photography on Display at the Museum

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Norton Museum of Art. Staff photo/ H Jacobson

The Norton Museum of Art is a big cultural attraction in Florida and a great place for an art and photography experience.

The museum is internationally known for its American, Chinese, Contemporary and European art and photography. In the years 2007 and 2008, the museum served over 30,000 visitors and was awarded the National Medal for Museum and Library Services.

The current exhibits at the Norton are Recent Acquisitions Photography, which will be in the museum until Jan. 1, 2012. Another exhibit recently at the Norton is The Art of War in East Asia.

A few other exhibits are The Emperor's Orders workshop and the Dave Cole exhibit. "I went there for the famous costumes exhibit," said Justin Cohen, senior. "They were worn in movies that included Batman and Ghost Busters."

Other exhibits are the Jenny Saville, which opened on Nov. 30 and the Cocktail Culture, which will be displayed from Dec. 15 until March. There are many more exhibits opening with the new year.

The Norton has many programs for everyone to enrich their experience of the exhibits and the museum collections. The Norton has a few adult programs, which include exhibitions lecture series and private tours for adults only.

There is everything from intergenerational art workshops, family festivals to tour lectures. A few of the programs are Art after Dark, Family and Youth Programs, School and College Tours, Outreach Programs, and Summer Internships.

For more information and prices for admittance visit
<http://www.norton.org/Visit/HoursandAdmission/tabid/79/Default.aspx>

NEW JOBS COME TO CAMPUS

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Lynn Encourages Students to Work for Their Money

By CASEY DOLL

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New Bathroom assistant. Staff Photo/ C. Doll.

Working on campus is a unique experience that allows students to earn money in a comfortable environment. Despite its advantages, some students believe there is not a wide enough selection of on-campus jobs. The staff has heard the students' complaints and decided to add several new interesting job opportunities.

One exciting new opportunity is a position as professional bathroom hand-washer. This position requires students to stand awkwardly next to people who are using the sinks and offer to wash and dry their hands with a warm towel. Bathroom users will then be encouraged to pay the hand-washers out of guilt and pity.

"These new jobs are a great opportunity to make some much needed extra cash," said a freshman. "Now I can buy even more Gucci bags and shoes that I will just replace two weeks after I get them!"

Another new job position is entitled “helpful guy.” This job consists of walking around campus with a lighter and extra cigarette for anyone who asks. These helpful guys will also carry around a spare umbrella and hold doors open for the needy.

A valet service will soon be put in place that will prevent students unable to park near their residence halls from having to undertake the treacherous walk from the North Lot.

“My girlfriend’s assistant was very helpful,” said a student. “He took her out to a fancy restaurant and talked to her about the girls she doesn’t like in her classes while I stayed in and watched the game with the guys. What a life-saver!”

The administration is pleased to announce that Lynn will be raising its tuition since these new jobs will give students a new source of income.

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FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS PROGRAM

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Sending Care Packages and Letters to Our Deployed Soldiers Overseas

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Participants of the Forgotten Soldier Outreach. Staff photo/ H. Jacobson.

The purpose of Forgotten Soldiers is to send care packages and letters to our deployed soldiers. The organization sends packages to soldiers whose families cannot afford to send items themselves. Since news coverage of the war is no longer at the intensity it was, packages are sent to those who are “forgotten.”

People donate many items they think the soldiers would need while in Iraq. People can volunteer at the outreach and help organize, pack, address and send packages.

“I volunteer almost every week,” said Trish Jacobson. “It’s a great feeling when you leave knowing you’ve helped some one.”

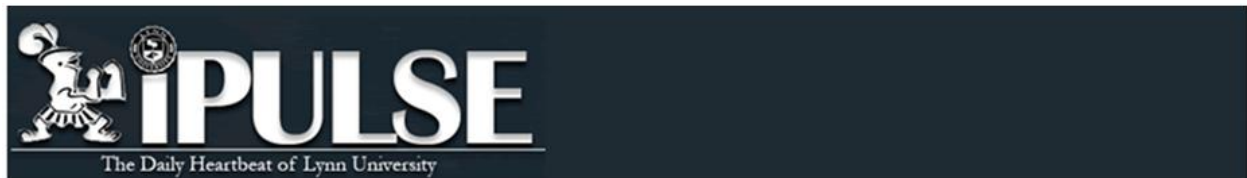
A friend’s son, who was serving in Iraq in the 173rd Airborne, inspired Lynelle Zelnar to start Forgotten Soldiers. When she heard the soldiers were becoming frustrated, discouraged, missed loved ones and second-guessed their purpose, she knew she had to do something to encourage these men and women.

She then sent five care packages to the soldiers. Then, local schools and teachers wanted to get involved; now, years later, the outreach is still growing.

“I do not volunteer as much as I should,” said Gina Bogacki, junior. “Forgotten Soldiers is definitely a great organization.”

There are many jobs people can do while volunteering at the outreach. People can help organize and sort the donated items. The box packers grab different items from the bins and fill the box to the top. Then people sit in a separate room and address all the filled boxes to the soldiers. Finally, the boxes are taken to the post office. The outreach allows families and friends to register soldiers so the care packages can be sent to them.

The Forgotten Soldiers Outreach is located in Lake Worth at 3550 23rd Ave. S., Suite 7.



A MIX OF POLITICS AND RELIGION

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“A Person of Interest” Attracts Playgoers with Interesting Plots and Characters

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Monday, Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. the play, “A Person of Interest” directed by Jan McArt, Director of Theater Arts Program Development, will take place in the Keith C. and Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center. All Lynn students, faculty and staff may have up to two tickets if they come to the Boice Box Office with their ID at least 48 hours in advance.

The play is a mixture of politics, religion, mystery and drama, which will reveal to the audience what happens in the real political system.

“When a synagogue is bombed in the quiet university town of Ann Arbor, Mich., a Palestinian engineering student becomes the FBI’s person of interest after being implicated by an anonymous caller. A Jewish lawyer takes on the boy’s case at the request of his parents as Washington pressures the local FBI to make an arrest that will bring an end to the mounting outrage in the town’s Jewish and Muslim communities,” according to the Season of the Arts brochure.

What can make the month of January more interesting and exciting than a play performed by talented actors and actresses? If students enjoyed Lynn Drama’s performance of “Boeing Boeing,” they might also enjoy “A Person of Interest.”

“Take a break from your study. Come to the play and experience it yourself,” recommends Angela Juliano, director of the Boice Box Office. A staff member with a strong passion in arts, Juliano wants to see more students coming to these events since it is very important for them to understand and experience the world of arts.

BRIAN KELLY’S TRIP OF A LIFETIME

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Student Spends Four Magical Months Traveling Europe While Taking Classes

By Nicole Thaw
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Kelly enjoying Italian pizza. Photo/ B. Kelly.

Brian Kelly, Long Island native and public relations and advertising major, had the amazing opportunity to spend four months studying abroad in Florence, Italy for a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

“I absolutely loved being able to study abroad in Florence,” said Kelly. Not only was he able to experience a new culture, he also received college credits for his classes.

Florence, called Firenze by natives, is the capital city of Tuscany. Infamous for its history and beautiful architecture, it attracts many college students. Forbes magazine has ranked Florence one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

While the beauty of Florence was one of Kelly’s reasons for traveling, his long-time friend was also planning to study in Florence. “I decided to study abroad in Florence because I was always interested in visiting in Italy and my best friend from high school and I had always planned on going there to study together,” he said.

He immediately fell in love with the Italian culture. “Almost every aspect of being in Florence was my favorite. I loved the culture and the way Italians lived their lives; their lifestyle was very different from ours here in America and, surprisingly, I became accustomed to it very quickly and it was quite enjoyable,” said Kelly.

For Kelly, not only was he in love with his surroundings, but also the delicious Italian food offered. “I loved every pasta dish, especially the truffle ravioli and, of course, the gelato,” said Kelly. Over the four months he spent in Florence, Kelly was also able to travel to other Italian cities and European countries.

“I was able to travel to Greece, Spain, Germany and France. All these places I was able to travel to so easily and was fortunate enough to visit because I was able to study in Italy and these places were easy to get to from Florence,” said Kelly.

Studying abroad was the chance of a lifetime and an experience he will cherish forever. “I would 100 percent recommend studying abroad in Florence, Italy to everyone,” he said. “If you have the opportunity to study abroad, I believe everyone should seize that option. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that will change your life in the best way possible.”

For students interested in studying abroad, visit the Center for Global Education and Citizenship. Lynn currently offers programs traveling to exciting locations such as Dublin, Ireland and Shanghai, China

A UNIQUE CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

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Lynn's Campus "Stylists" Offer a Personalized Visit for Prospective Students

By AURA CRUZ
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New campus stylists offer prospective students a real Lynn experience. Staff Photo/ A. Cruz.

The Office of Admissions recently launched an innovative way for prospective students to experience Lynn. Instead of simply having a campus tour, Lynn offers a complete campus experience in which potential students have the opportunity to meet current students and professors and sit in a classroom where they can experience Lynn for a day.

Taryn Hamill, coordinator of campus visits, is the leader of the new campus experience. “We planned with the team to tie the idea with the new Styles marketing campaign. The visit is very personalized. [Potential] students have the opportunity to meet with future professors, have lunch with current students and meet with their counselors,” she said. “We want students to not only tour the campus, we want [them] to experience it.”

The campus experience starts the moment the prospective student sets foot on campus with a personalized parking spot. Soon thereafter, the campus stylists greet them. The campus stylists ask the potential students a series of questions to figure out how Lynn can be tied to both their academic and social interests.

At that point, the potential students and parents are separated and each go on separate campus tours. The students then have lunch in the cafeteria with a professor of their academic interest. Finally, potential students meet with the admissions counselor.

When asked about his opinion on the new campus experience, Youcef Oudjidame, campus stylist and graduate student, said, “No other university offers such a personalized experience; it definitely reflects on the vision the university has. We are a very individualized institution.”

Lynn’s campus experience is a great way for prospective students to get a feel of the institution. The Office of Admissions has worked very hard to offer prospective members of the Lynn community a real Lynn experience.

LYNN SET TO HOST THE 2012 DEBATE

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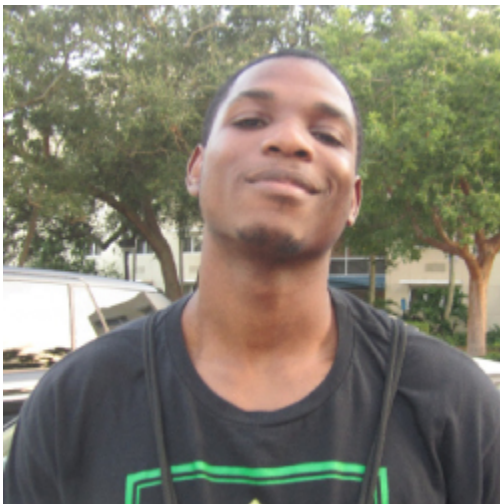
Students Share Why They Think Lynn was Chosen for the Presidential Debate

By ALYSSA JACOBSON
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Lynn was chosen to host the last 2012 presidential debate on Oct. 22, 2012, only 15 days before the election. The final debate usually stands as the last chance for candidates to make a major impression on undecided voters while attempting to solidify decisions of people leaning toward one side. iPulse set out to see why students think the university was chosen out of all the colleges and universities in the nation to host the debate. Lynn is honored and elated to host the final debate next year, and iPulse is proud of this unique and remarkable opportunity for the school.



“Our weather is always pleasing in the Sunshine State,” said Anya Martin, freshman.



“Lynn has a diverse international student body, which will help steer other nations to have all eyes on this important American election,” said Marco De Grandi, senior.



“This campus is located in a high elderly population, who typically happen to have a large impact on the election outcome,” said David Gans, junior.



“The Wold Center is a brand new facility that is aesthetically pleasing as well as equipped with the most updated technology,” said Kat Joyce, freshman.



“We have a very secure campus with only two entrances,” said Brandon Smith, freshman. “We also happen to be located conveniently between two large airports.”



• **COULD YOU HAVE JUST ONE?**

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- *Student Creates a Doritos Commerical That Might Air During the Superbowl*
- **By MARIAH KULKIN**
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- Vito Trupiano, sophomore, is a film major who plans on submitting his own commercial to the upcoming Super Bowl for the brand of Doritos Chips.
- Every year, the Super Bowl generates more than just a game. The commercials seem to be more popular than the game itself. A 30-second advertisement that costs roughly \$1 million provides pure entertainment.
- Doritos is hosting a Crash the Super Bowl contest. Millions of people can submit their work and in exchange for a chance see their ad aired during the game. The grand prize for getting one's commercial placed in the game is \$1 million and also a chance to work on a future Doritos project.

- Trupiano and his friends began filming their commercial with high intentions, a hilarious script and, of course, a bag of Doritos. Although it was hard for them to not finish the snack before the end of the shoot, they managed and came out with a fantastic commercial.
- Since Trupiano was young, he wanted to be in the film industry. “Every Friday I would go to the movies with my family and I fell in love,” he said. “For years, I wanted a Legos movie set that could shoot actual movies, and when I was seven, I finally got it and never stopped playing with it.”
- Being a director is a life-long dream of Trupiano’s. He was a football player in high school and when he graduated, he realized he would rather be in the film industry than go further in his football career. “I cannot imagine my life any other way than with film.” he said.
- Trupiano has made various short movies in his past, and this commercial might bring him to the big leagues.
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PRESIDENT VISITS LYNN NEXT YEAR

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Lynn is set to Host the 2012 Presidential Debate at the Wold Next Fall

By ALYSSA JACOBSON
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Lynn students talking about the debate that will take place on campus.

Lynn was chosen as the location to host the last 2012 Presidential Debate out of all the eligible colleges and universities nation-wide. This honor is a milestone in the life of Lynn and will be remembered for all time, especially to the students and faculty who get to be a part of the action next year. iPulse set out to see how students feel about this opportunity.

“I think this will increase Lynn’s reputation and therefore help students shine a little brighter on their resumes,” said Carolina Chang, freshman.

“It is extremely exciting to have all eyes around the world on my university,” said Jose Antonio, graduate student. “I am proud to have the opportunity to witness history being made for the university and for the political community.”

“This is a rare honor that sets us apart from other private schools and helps remind me why Lynn is so special,” said Taylor Wolfe, freshman.

“I now have major bragging rights to tell all my friends that my school was chosen from all the options around the entire nation,” said Alysha Virzi, freshman.

“I will remember this moment for the rest of my life and am happy to be able to have the opportunity to share it with my future children one day,” said De Mario Fountain, junior.

“I am grateful I chose this school because this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity I will get to be a part of,” said Jerrell Oxendine, freshman.

- **FROM BROADWAY TO BROWARD**

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- *A Preview of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts Musical Season*
- **By SOPHIA BARRETT**
Staff Writer



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- A Popular show that is coming to the Broward Performing Arts Center. Stock Photo.
- Each year, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts puts on incredible seasonal shows for all kinds of audiences to enjoy. All these Broadway shows are available to students for very affordable prices.
- “Cirque Dreams: Holidaze” will be walking the tight rope to the Broward Center from Dec. 27 to Jan. 1. One will not want to miss this week of some of the most talented acrobats in the world.
- Broadway’s very own “Jersey Boys” hits the stage from Jan. 11 until Jan. 29. “Jersey Boys” is a jukebox musical based on the 1960s Rock ‘n Roll group The Four Seasons. This musical became a hit in 2006 and has been rock ‘n’ roll ever since.
- “Billy Elliot” is a musical based on the movie. It has won 10 Tony Awards and 10 Drama Desk Awards, including Best Musical in both cases. It is extremely difficult to get tickets for this show in New York, so do not miss out. “Billy Elliot” will be here from Feb. 29 to March 11.
- “South Pacific” has been performed for over 50 years and is still considered one of the greatest Broadway musicals. It will be taking the stage on April 10 to April 22.
- The last show, “La Cage Aux Folles,” an outrageously exciting and controversial musical. It has been revised twice since the original in 1983; once in 2004 and again in 2008. It is the only musical that has won the Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical twice. If one is uncomfortable with the idea of men in drag, this might not be the show for them. Anyone else up for a good time can catch this show starting on June 12 to June 24.
- Any student ID can get in two people. If one goes to the Broward Center box office two hours before curtain, they can purchase student-priced tickets for \$20. All these shows are performed six days a week; there is no theatre on Mondays. Students can purchase their tickets and then enjoy a great dinner or walk around the beautiful Las Olas area.
- Kayla Golladay, junior, tries to make it to see all the shows at the Broward Center. “These shows are Broadway quality and students get to see them so cheap,” she said. There is always something great being performed and it is a constant reminder of my love for theatre.”
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- **LYNN UPGRADES FIRE DETECTORS**

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- *Lynn Keeps Fire Safety Alive With New Precautions for Students*
- **By CASEY DOLL**
Staff Writer



- Student in a Lynn Fire drill. Staff Photo/ C. Doll.
- Despite their vital importance to the university's safety, Lynn students often consider fire drills to be a nuisance. Some faculty members believe students do not truly comprehend the importance of fire alarms and have decided to make several upgrades to ensure students' protection.
- These upgrades were apparently prompted by several faculty members' close calls with fire hazards. "I never knew that fires were so serious," said a faculty member. "We were all playing around with some styrofoam cups in the microwave, and it ended up catching on fire. We then decided we need better machines to protect us from the scary fire monsters."
- The new fire alarm system will be twice as loud as the current system, ensuring a nearly deafening screech. Instead of the standard beeping sound, the new alarms are programmed to encourage students to exit their building even quicker by playing the newest single from Justin Bieber.
- "We plan to have fire drills at least once a week," said a faculty member. "But maybe, just maybe, if students are extra good, we will do it once every two weeks."
- The new alarms are reported to be able to sense the slightest hint of a fire, even from the exterior of the building. This means that students are strongly urged to not smoke or use a lighter anywhere near campus.
- "It's about time they got better detectors," quoted a cocky freshman girl as she waved her finger. "I'm so hot. I've been on fire since August, and I still haven't been detected!"
- Fire drills will also be strictly observed by Lynn security. If a student does not take the drill seriously, they will be punished by being thrown into a pit of fire.
- Note: This piece was written in a joking, satirical manner and should in no way be taken seriously

- **Facts and Figures About Alzheimer's**

- December 1, 2011 by [Brandon Melendez](#)
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- An estimated number of 4 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease with men and women affected almost equally. Most people who are diagnosed with this disease are older than the age of 85, however it occurs in people as young as 30. In a national survey 19 million Americans confessed that they had a family member with Alzheimer.
- Alzheimer is a genetic disease that makes the patient's nerve fibers accumulatively change in the brain. These changes reduce the number and effectiveness of nerve cell connection leading to the short term memory being affected first following those sections of the brain that control the intellectual and physical functions. A traditional research suggested that people survived an average of 8 years but a recent research by the England Journal of Medicine found that the average survival was only 3.5 years.
- Four drugs have been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), called cholinesterase inhibitors that are designed to regulate the symptoms of Alzheimer. These inhibitors are Razadyne (galantamine), Exelon, Aricept and Cognex.
- Paying for the Alzheimer seems to be something that may cripple the family's budget. To those without private insurance the government of U.S has started some Medicare that can help in the paying of this disease. Many people are yet expecting for better improvements as this disease is spreading.
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- **Amelia Dougherty**
- Alzheimer's is a neurological disease. According to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America website Alzheimer's is, "Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative disorder that attacks the brain's nerve cells, or neurons, resulting in loss of memory, thinking and language skills, and behavioral changes."
- When the disease attacks the brain's nerves you begin to lose your memory. It progresses from short term memory loss to long term memory loss. In the end the patient forgets how to breathe or how to eat.
- Alzheimer's disease is becoming more and more frequent. According to Pubmed.gov, "In 2000, there were 4.5 million persons with AD in the US population. By 2050, this number will increase by almost 3-fold, to 13.2 million. Owing to the rapid growth of the oldest age groups of the US population, the number who are 85 years and older will more than quadruple to 8.0 million. The number who are 75 to 84 years old will double to 4.8 million, while the number who are 65 to 74 years old will remain fairly constant at 0.3 to 0.5 million."

- There are also 3 drugs that are used in the treatment of Alzheimer's: Cholinesterase inhibitors, Aricept, and Namenda. Each drug treats different stages of Alzheimer's but they all work to slow the progression of the disease. The treatments show promising effects but they do not cure Alzheimer's.
- The government may assist families of patients who have Alzheimer's. The majority of the FDA approved drugs are covered or almost completely covered by insurance. Patients who need long term care options may find help through private or government organizations. In most cases the families of the patients pay for the treatment and care of the Alzheimer's patient. In very few cases do tax payers pay for full care of Alzheimer's patients.

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- **Joshua Gordon**

- Alzheimer's disease is a progressive disorder that attacks the brain's nerve cells, or neurons, resulting in the loss of memory, thinking and language skills, and behavioral changes.
- The first signs of Alzheimer's people generally notice is memory loss, which is an early sign for most people. Language skills and judgment decrease when neurons die in the cerebral cortex. Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia, or loss of intellectual function, among people that are the age of 65 or older. Dementia is a term that describes a group of symptoms such as loss of memory, judgment, language, complex motor skills, and other intellectual function-caused by the permanent damage or death of the brain's nerve cells, or neurons.
- Confusion about time and place, struggling with familiar actions such as brushing your teeth or getting dressed are also other symptoms of Alzheimer's. According to Medicare, Medicaid and Private Insurance costs the Alzheimer disease is rapidly increasing. This was from a case study in 2004 from Alzheimer's Association and USA Today.
- According to the report, 5.1 million U.S. residents older than age 65 have Alzheimer's. The report also found that about 2.7 million U.S. residents older than age 85 have the disease; however, the report estimated that the number would reach about 3.5 million in 2031, when the first wave of baby boomers reaches age 85. From Alzheimer's Association website there is currently no treatment for Alzheimer's.
- There is no proven health care service coverage for Alzheimer's disease but with either Medicare Part A hospital insurance plus Medicare Part B medical insurance, or with a Part C Medicare Advantage managed care plan, your parent has extensive coverage for treatment of mental or emotional illness, including depression, Alzheimer's disease, and dementia. This includes both inpatient and outpatient care, and treatment not only by doctors but also by other Medicare-certified healthcare providers.

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- **Rachel Levenson**

- Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia and affects the memory, thinking and behavior, leading to memory loss and interfering with other brain functions. Symptoms of Alzheimer's are progressive and typically worsen over time, ultimately interfering with day-to-day tasks.
- Some symptoms of the disease may include memory loss that disrupts daily life, difficulty accomplishing common tasks, confusion with time or place, disorganization and changes in mood and personality.

- Alzheimer's affects an estimated 5.4 million Americans, according to a study by the Alzheimer's Association. The number of Americans with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias grow each year as the U.S. population of people over age 65 continues to increase; that number will soar in coming years as the baby boom generation ages.
- Some risk factors that may contribute to the development of Alzheimer's include aging, family history, mild cognitive impairment a condition where a person has slight difficulties with memory, language or other essential cognitive ability head trauma and traumatic brain injury.
- While many assume such government programs as Medicare will pay, most treatment services for Alzheimer's are typically paid out of pocket by patients and their families. Aside from paying out of pocket, there are financial resources available to cover the costs of care, some including various types of insurance—such as disability or life insurance—as well as Medicare. Some also use personal savings and assets, Medicaid, retirement benefits and different kinds government assistance.
- Researchers suggest that treatment to hinder or prevent the disease and conserve brain function will be most effective when action is taken in early stages of development. Because brain changes with Alzheimer's are believed to initiate 10 years or more before symptoms such as memory loss might occur, much research has aimed to recognize biomarkers and detect the disease in advance so patients can receive treatment in the introductory stages of Alzheimer's.
- **Scott Young**
- A severe and deadly disease dominating senior citizens today is Alzheimer's Disease. AD is the most common form of dementia in older people, and is a disease that has no cure. Once the brain is infected, it become worse and worse until death occurs. Over time bodily functions are forgotten, and eventually will end a life.
- Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. It is the only disease that cannot be prevented, cured, or stopped. As other diseases decrease in statistics, Alzheimer's is one that continues to rise amongst the others. AD surely is one of the most difficult diseases to cope with, because more than the majority of the time, AD patients lose all recollection of their life's memories, as loved ones watch them slowly day by day become worse.
- Symptoms of the disease are confusion, anger, rapid change in moods, aggression, trouble with speaking and language and memory loss. AD is now becoming extremely more common as the years go on and it is predicted by 2050 that 1 and 85 senior citizens will be sufferers of the disease. So far no drug has the prevention of stopping the disease from spreading.
- Many prescriptions are offered but none are effective enough to stop the disease from spreading. Also the prescriptions and medications for AD are not paid for by medicare and are only paid for by out of pocket. The prescriptions offered only reduce behavioral symptoms.
- Once AD becomes worse, feeding tubes are the only way to feed a patient, before their heart stops beating. From the information I have researched, many AD patients can be taken care of in nursing homes as well as special institutions. But just like for medications, they are not covered by medicare.
- It is truly sad that AD patients have nothing to look forward to once they are diagnosed, as it is a long and forgettable path until their last days. It is also very sad that medicare

does not cover for the care that they need. In my opinion, I feel as if medicare executives believe it is a waste to try to keep them alive, but I know if any of the medicare executives knew a loved one suffering from such a disease, they would realize what blasphemy it really is.

- Until there is a cure for this terrible, slow killing disease, one can only hope for a researching miracle to stop the disease in its track. Scientists in research developments, are researching daily to find cures to stop AD in their tracks. As a person with a 91 year old grandmother, my heart goes out to the families and sufferers from Alzheimer's Disease, as it is the one of the most painful ways to see someone spend their last times.

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- **Sydney Putnam**

- According to William C. Shiel, medical author for Medicine.Net, Alzheimer's disease, a form of dementia, is the "significant loss of intellectual abilities such as memory capacity, severe enough to interfere with social or occupational functioning."
- Alzheimer's disease is most frequently seen in individuals of 60 years and older. Studies have proven that after an adult is diagnosed with the disease, their symptoms worsen and usually double every five years after it had originally formed.
- Globally, approximately 5.4 million people are living with Alzheimer's disease. Such a statistic has led to Alzheimer's being the seventh leading cause of death. Each year, treatments and profitted caregiving to those who are suffering costs about 170 billion dollars.
- However, aside from nurses and those who are being paid to tend to the needs of Alzheimer's patients, an amazing 10.9 million individuals are also categorized as unpaid caregivers. What an unpaid caregiver encompasses is the giving of assistance to those with Alzheimer's, while not receiving any sort of income for doing so. Many of these unpaid caregivers are family members, spouses, or close friends.
- Although no cure has yet to be found for Alzheimer's, there are several medical treatments along with therapeutic sessions used to aid in the slowing down of one's mental deterioration from the illness.
- In terms of therapeutic and psychological treatment, therapists work with patients and their families to provide them comfort, and also prolong the patient's healthy state of mind before deterioration begins.
- Since the discovery of the disease in 1906, doctors and scientists have been experimenting all fields in great depth with all hopes to find a cure. "If we do not find a way of preventing this disease, there will be about 8 million cases by 2030 and as many as 16 million in 2050," said Raymond Barglow in The Berkeley Daily Planet.
- Because there are basically no companies that cover the finances of Alzheimer's completely, it has become a disease that has done more than cause physical harm to those diagnosed with it and emotional harm to the love one's living with someone who is suffering from it. In fact, the longer it takes for researchers to find a cure for Alzheimer's, financial situations are worsening for those caring for and also living with the illness.

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- **Katie Lemmon**

- Alzheimer's disease plagues many of our loved ones, as they get older, and can be a very scary process to deal with if you are unaware of the signs, symptoms of the disease itself. What exactly is Alzheimer's disease? What are some of the signs to look out for? Is it

curable? Sadly Alzheimer's disease is not curable, but understanding how it works can help make the process more manageable.

- Alzheimer's disease is a form of dementia that gradually gets worse over time. There are two kinds of dementia "Early Onset," when signs or symptoms present themselves before 60 years of age or "Late Onset," when signs or symptoms present themselves after 60 years of age. It affects memory, thinking and behavior. While this is a common disease it is not a natural process of aging; your risk of developing it becomes far greater as you get older. Just as with most diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, or neurological disorders, family history also plays a major role in whether or not you will develop dementia. High blood pressure, previous head injuries and gender though not medically proven may also increase your risk of Alzheimer's disease.
- Signs you should look for when determining whether you should seek professional medical help in regards to an elder in your life are changes in language, memory, perception, emotional behaviors or personality, and cognitive skills. The causes of Alzheimer's are not clear but the effects on the brain are quite clear. Alzheimer's kills brain cells. As more and more cells die the connections among the surviving cells become considerably weaker. This causes a loss of function; simple every day tasks become increasingly more difficult. The shrinkage of brain mass is a clear indication of the disease. Plaques, clumps of protein can build up and cause serious damage to brain cells. One may also develop "Tangles," a distorted form of the protein, Tau that twists rather than making a straight connection which causes failure of the transport system.
- If you are diagnosed with Alzheimer's there are two types of drugs generally given to slow down the process. Cholinesterase inhibitors, which work to, promotes cell-to-cell communication. Namenda, which has the same function but tends to make patients feel dizzy. Exercise and staying active and engaged are the best ways to combat this illness, until we can discover a cure.
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